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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the communication dated March 4, 1997, the following amendments and remarks are submitted in connection therewith.

In The Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows.

B' 4. (amended) The modified natural rubber of claim 1, wherein said deproteinized natural rubber does not [give] exhibit an absorption band at 3280 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the infrared spectrum.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in the present application. A Response to the outstanding Official Action was submitted on November 13, 1996. Through inadvertence and oversight, the Response did not address the rejection of claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The present Response, in conjunction with the Response